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- BB** The specification and claims of EP 0322535 A1 in English. Equivalents of this patent include JP 1175808 and KR 9206272.
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- BD** The priority for DE 29 46 472 is AT 490/79. U.S. Patent No. 4,316,631, as cited herein, is an English equivalent.

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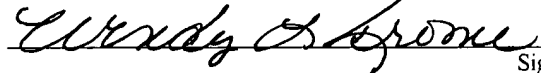


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